

## Civil Aviation News

2330 hr on Sundays has been established. The service includes import and export customs clearance, collection, delivery and forwarding.

After holding out for over a month A.N.A. is to reduce fares on the Sydney-Brisbane, Sydney-Melbourne and Sydney-Tasmanian air routes to the same level as charged by T.A.A.

## FROM THE CLUBS

THE Broxbourne breakfast patrol will be held by the Herts and Essex Aero Club on Sunday, July 18th, between 9 and 9.30 a.m. The height will be between 1,000 and 2,000 feet and the defence zone will be the area between two and five miles from the centre of the airfield. A special prize will be awarded to the pilot landing nearest to a sealed time.

Private ownership within the Derby Club is rapidly growing, new machines including Mr. Gadsby's Auster, Mr. John Green's Magister, Mr. Martin Neaum's Messenger and Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliffe's Autocrat, which was bought to celebrate their first solos. Among those who recently qualified for their "A" licence are Mr. Peter Rudge, Mr. Arthur Deakin, Mr. Peter Walter and Mr. Maurice Beaumont. The Shell-Mex film "How an Aeroplane Flies" was shown recently and Derby strongly recommend it to other clubs who have ciné facilities.

Among the numerous Continental air rallies to be held this summer are those organized by the Aero Club of Villefranche-Beaujolais which will take place on July 17th-18th, and by the Aero Club d'Orange which is planned for July 31st, August 1st and 2nd. The Aero Club of Milan will be running a similar event at the Forlanini airfield, Milan, on September 18th and 19th. Entry forms and details of the rally at Orange, which lies about 15 miles to the north of Avignon, on the east bank of the Rhone, can be obtained from the Royal Aero Club Aviation Centre, Londonderry House, Park Lane, London, W.1. One of the main events at Milan will be the grand prix race for which regulations and entry forms can also be obtained from Londonderry House.

The Gloucester Flying Club held their annual "At Home" and flying display at Staverton airfield on Saturday, July 3rd. The programme started with a mock bombing display by F/O Burgess and Mr. R. Law flying a Tiger Moth; their target was Mr. J. Anning riding a Corgi motor cycle. Unfortunately, during one of the bombing runs Mr. Anning was struck on the head and had to be removed to hospital. Mr. Bernard Lynch's parachute descent ended in an orchard, and whilst he was not injured, his parachute was only with difficulty extricated from the branches of a tree. A display of aerobatics by a Vampire, formation flying by five Harvards and demonstrations by a Lancaster and a Spitfire followed. The day closed with a race for visitors, which was won by an Autocrat flown by Mr. Plank, Miss Chapman, of Hereford, coming a close second in a Tiger Moth.

The London Aeroplane Club regret to announce that, owing to the support of certain authorities being withdrawn, they

and Ansett Airways. Commenting on the decision, Capt. Ivan Holyman, managing director of A.N.A., said that it had been made with the full realization that the fares being charged by Australian airlines were uneconomical and not in the best interests of the country, but his company must meet the "unfair competition" of T.A.A., made possible by the expenditure of public money. Mr. Holyman also referred to the £350,000 payment being made to T.A.A. for the carriage of mails which was, he said, a much higher rate than was paid to A.N.A. when that company ran a similar service.

have been obliged to cancel their garden party which was to have been held on August 14th.

The Leicestershire Aero Club's "At Home," at Ratcliffe airfield on July 4th, was somewhat spoilt by bad weather, low cloud and driving rain sometimes reducing visibility to a few hundred yards. Despite this, however, 19 aircraft—all club and private machines—turned up to see the reduced but still spectacular flying display, and compete in the events. Four Austers took part in a low-level race round a four-mile, triangular course on which three laps had to be completed. This was won by Mr. H. C. Rogers, C.F.I. of the Nottingham Flying Club, with Mr. Coltman second, F/L. B. V. Hewes, C.F.I. of the Leicestershire Aero Club was third, followed closely by S/L. John Stubbs. The time of arrival contest was won by Mr. K. F. Graham of the Nottingham Flying Club.

Owing to petrol restrictions and the fact that the Royal Aero Club are not sponsoring any air racing this year it has been decided by the Southend Municipal Flying School not to hold an international rally and race meeting. Instead a club "At Home" is being organized, the programme for which will include an arrival patrol, spot landing competition, bombing competition, balloon-bursting contest, and an aerobatic display. School aircraft will take part in a race at 1800 hours; the programme is scheduled to start at 14.45 hours and finish at 18.30 hours, and the date appointed is Saturday, July 17th.

The Wiltshire School of Flying have published details of the Thruxton Air Races which are due to take place on August 21st, beginning at 2 p.m. The programme will begin with a time of arrival competition between 1.30 and 2 p.m., after this there will be a pin-pointing competition over a triangular course of approximately 30 miles, followed by a one-class race for Auster Autocrats over a triangular course of three laps totalling approximately 10 miles. At 4.30 p.m. there is to be a one-class race for Auster 15 and 25 open to all visiting aircraft over about 10 miles. This will be followed by another one-class race, this time for Magisters, over the same distance. The last race will be an open handicap race for all types, run over a course from Thruxton to Cowes and back to Thruxton, a distance of about 70 miles. The programme will finish with height judging and speed judging contests and prizes will be awarded for the best turned-out aircraft and the best turned-out passenger. Entries should reach the Secretary, Race Committee, c/o the Wiltshire School of Flying, Ltd., Thruxton Aerodrome, near Andover, Hants, not later than August 19th.

## DESCENT ON DEAUVILLE

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on the hill overlooking the resort, and on this occasion the visitors were welcomed by M. Julien Duclos, Director of the Société des Hôtels.

A surprise for all was the arrival from Paris of Capt. Jimmy Youell in the Bell helicopter, which landed on the fairway outside the Golf Hotel. Capt. Youell, after lunch, transported Mme. Jacqueline Duclos by helicopter to the Royal Hotel lawn, and then took Commandant Hurel to the airfield. A characteristically charming and generous gesture on the occasion of the final ball at the Casino on Sunday evening was the presentation of perfume to all ladies.

The thanks of all who took part in the excellent rally are due also to the Aero Club organizers, Colonel Preston and Mr. Duncan de la Hayde, and, incidentally, to the Shell-B.P. Aviation Service, for the attractive and useful map folder.



"Flight" photograph

A very interesting and representative selection of privately owned aircraft were to be seen at Deauville. At least six different types can be distinguished in this photograph.